## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2019 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 192
Bill #: SB 101
<b>Document ID #:</b> 2260
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to cruelty to animals.
Sponsor: Senator Mike M. Wilson
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local
x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted: Local law enforcement and jails
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:x Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

## Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

The fiscal impact of SB 101 is indeterminate and minimal. SB 101 amends KRS 525.130 to include all animals in the prohibition against fighting, and all animals in the prohibition against poisoning, both as Class A misdemeanors. Thus, there could be some increase in Class A Misdemeanor convictions and incarcerations. Costs associated with misdemeanor incarceration are described below.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 76 full service jails or four life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

## Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as drafted. There is no prior version of the bill to complete Part III.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Jailers Association; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police;

Kentucky Sheriffs Association; Kentucky Department of Corrections